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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY : REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

REF: (A) STATE 111286, (B) NEW DELHI 6975, (C) NEW DELHI 6649

1. THE EMBASSY IS PLANNING TO MAKE ITS REPRESENTATION ON PUERTO RICO REQUESTED IN REFTTEL A NEXT WEEK. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL B, WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE "OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS" OF UNGA RESOLUTION 748 (VIII). ALTHOUGH WE HAVE THE FULL TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION, WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER THAT WE USE ITS EDITED VERSION WHEN APPROACHING THE GOI. PLEASE TRANSMIT.

2. AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL C WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BACKGROUND ON THE ARCHIEPELAGO QUESTION AS IT NOW STANDS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES. IN A INTERVIEW IN DELHI REPORTED IN THE MAY 14 PRESS, THE HEAD OF THE INDIAN LOS DELEGATION LAW MINISTER GOKHALE ARGUED THAT THE

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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS ARE ARCHIEPELAGO WITHIN

INDIA'S TERRITORIAL
SOVEREIGNTY AND AS SUCH SHOULD HAVE
THEIR OWN ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF. GOKHALE
EXPRESSED SURPRISE, ACCORDING TO THE INTERVIEW, THAT THE
BIG POWERS ARE STRAINING HARD TO HAV DELETED FROM THE
ORIGINAL NEGOTIATING TEXT A PROVISION PROVIDING FOR SUCH
RIGHTS OVER ARCHIPELAGOS. GOKHALE SAID INDIA WOULD
FIGHT FOR ITS RIGHTS OVER THE WATERS AROUND THE ISLANDS
ALTHOUGH IT COULD DISCUSS ANY BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH
MIGHT ARISE WITH COUNTRIES SUCH AS SRI LANKA AND
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